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## The Cheap-Gas Map of the United States.

A few days ago The Times presented a map of Great Britain showing a great list of cities in which gas is sold at from 30 to 60 cents per 1,000 feet. That map aroused remarkable interest, and today The Times presents, on another page, a like map of the United States, showing some of the cities in which gas is sold at from 60 to 95 centsall of them less than Washington.

There is a story in almost every case of a city which gets gas at an honest price. It is the story of a fight against monopoly and extortion, just such as is now being waged by the people of Washington. It is the story in most cases of years of struggle for justice, generally resulting in compromise rather than decided victory.

The truth is that gas in Washington ought not to cost over 60 cents per 1,000. It could be made at a good profit for that figure, as an honest, competent, thorough expert inquiry would prove. But it will never be made at that figure if the Gas Monopoly's scheme of inflation is carried out. It will never be reduced in price if the business is to be loaded with the greatest capitalization burden borne by the gas industry in any city in America. That will be the situation if the Gas Monopoly gets what it wants.

The people of Washington are a unit in support of this fight for decent treatment and a square deal. There is nothing the matter with public opinion. But the people must make their demand felt by Congress. Individual work with Congressmen and Senators, especially members of the District Committees, will be highly effective. Everybody who is in position to do anything along this line should do it, do it at once, and do it unceasingly. In no other way can the fight be won.

### High Tide in Immigration.

According to the report of Secretary Straus, the immigration during

rouble with Spain. Since 1898 there without formal protest.

other falling off during the current year. In fact, Italy already has a sharp problem on her hands in the shape of 200,000 homecomers for whom employment must be found until they feel disposed to move again either back to the United States or over to South America.

"Frenchman of the North."

King Oscar II of Sweden, whose death has now come at the ripe age

private property:

The men forfeited collateral fixed by the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the system of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial clerk last term of court. Mr. Pugh was dissatisfied with the flactus of the financial

death has now come at the ripe age of seventy-eight, was popularly known in Europe as the "Frenchman of the North." The title was apt, in view not only of Oscar's pleasant, poetic temperament, but also of his ancestry. For he was the grandson of Bernadotte, one of Napoleon's marshals, who, taking death has now come at the ripe age Napoleon's marshals, who, taking advantage of the chaotic conditions prevailing in Europe, and particu- be presumed to be correct. larly of the trouble in Sweden growing out of the unexpected the throne, offered his services to the Swedes, and was received by them as crown prince.

The Swedes, it is said, hoped thereby to curry favor with Nawhen war broke out between France and Russia, in 1812, the Russian Emperor made an alliance with Bernadotte, and two years later the famous French adventurer became with the title of Charles XIV.

who longed eagerly to see Napooverthrown. She had her wish. collateral security." nonarch who died yesterday ran missioners at all, but upon the

liant figures of the Napoleonic era. and Norway in 1872, but the union the year ended last June was the between the two countries, never heaviest in the history of the coun- wholly relished by the Norwegians. try, the total number of aliens ad- came to an end in 1905, the direct mitted being 1,285,349. In the fiscal cause being a disagreement over the year 1906 the total was 1,100,735; in consular service. In 1902 Oscar de-1905, 1,027,421. In 1905, for the first cided against Great Britain and the authority of the Police Court time, the total passed the million United States in their dispute with judges mark. The 100,000 mark was passed Germany over the matter of damin 1842, and the half million mark in ages arising from the Samoan affair. This was after the making of Only three times in the last the treaty whereby Germany got Only three times in the last twenty-five years has the figure fallen below 300,000—in 1894, the Oscar's decision, while disappointing lesson from it is that one of the

In the absence of disavowal by Judge Mullowny, this account must

magistrate in the light of discredit- beside the District Commissioners? death of Prince Carl August, heir to ing District law from the bench, for section 48 of the District Code pro-

That every person charged with an of-fense triable in the Police Court of the District of Columbia may give security for his appearance for trial or for fur-

King of the Scandinavian countries gested upon the regular practice or-Bernadotte was of humble birth. to the District Commissioners, who His own ambition found constant have directed that "the representareinforcement in that of his wife, tive of the District," as the general assistant to the Corporation Counleon, who had put her aside when sel is described by Judge Mullowny, he met Josephine Beauharnais, "shall not fix collateral or reduce

Strange to say, the mother of Oscar | Further, it is clear from even a II was Josephine de Leuchtenburg, cursory reading of the Code as daughter of Eugene Beauharnais, quoted that the adverse criticism and granddaughter of the Empress due in this case rests rightly, not Cosephine. So in the veins of the upon the law or the District Com-

the blood of some of the most bril-

The effect of it is to disclose this

Further, the improvement sugdained by law is a distinct affront

Oscar II became King of Sweden

year after the panic, and in 1897 and Oscar's decision, while disappointing 1898, the period covered by the United States, was accepted Police Court judges views without Mrs. protest a system of back-door fines Julia Strong, the Deacon's da trouble with Spain. Since 1898 there has been a steady growth, with the exception of 1904, the year of the last Presidential election; and it is somewhat remarkable that the temporary decrease in 1904 was the first to come in a Presidential year for a full two decades.

In all probability there will be another falling off during the current of the case of Ernest of the Police Court with destroying of the Police Court with destroying of the property:

The men forfeited collayeral fixed by applying to anyone of half a hundred important banking institutions.

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undred important banking institutions.

who is defined by law as "the appro-

priate officer," and is subject to the

Finally, this episode is not proof of any need to qualify more officers

The "hog combine" that has been killed in the House will not be dressed under supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture.

If the Russians want an appropriate recedent to follow in the Stoessel trial t them look up the proceedings in the case of the Commonwealth of Ken-

That anti-third-term note strikes esponsive chord in the ranks of certain candidates for the Republican nomina-

ends to "smoke out" Uncle Joe should note the length and the angle of the clear with which the cartoonists are wont to decorate the Speaker's face.

Get in line with the prevailing or timism among the children. It will do

Honest, now, didn't it seem funny that the board of education was allowed to meet yesterday and simply transact the business of the school sysem without interference from anybody

Richmond Pearson Hobson-Captain of

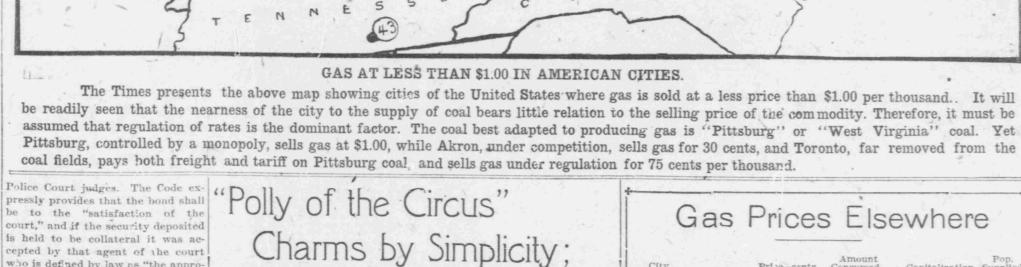
### THE STORY OF THE HOLLY SPRIG.

"I'd be the shiniest green,"
Wished once a sprig of holly,
"That c'er at Yule was seen,
And deck some banquet jolly!" "I'd be the cheerlest red,"
Wished once the holly berry,
"That e'er at board rich spread
Helped make the feasters merry!"

The life within them heard Down dark and silent courses, For each wish is a word To those far-hidden sources. All summer in the wood, While they were riper growing, The deep roots understood, And helped without their knowing.

In a little market stall
At Yule the sprig lay waiting, For fine folk one and all Passed by that open grating. The eve of Christmas day
It had been passed by many,
When one turned not away
And bought it for a penny.

Hers was a home of care
Which not a wreath made jolly
The only Christmas there
Was that sweet sprig of holly. "Oh, this is better far Than banquet!" thought the berry; The leaves glowed like a star And made that outless manual



Sothern Romantic Hero to receive bonds or collateral. It is The Rev. as fine an illustration of the present

commonplace and the heart-interest appeal is so frankly an appeal that, paradoxically, the play is a novelty. The doxically, the play is a novelty. The second scene of the first act, especially, SOTHERN AS VILLON unique. In it is to be found no sughe play being devoted to a matter-offact conversation between Polly, of the circus, and a minister of the gospel, in which Polly endeavors to discover the similarity between the entertainment afforded by a preacher and that offered in her own horseback riding act. By its quiet, unassuming dialogue the interest of the audience is held as effectually as if there were a tragic battle of personalities. The first scene has a climax only

The extreme simplicity of theme and treatment bore its fruits and the National audience was tumultuous in its applause. Time and again were the members of the company recalled after each act to bow their appreciation of approval from those who had come to see something new and found it in an old, old story treated in a delightfully straightforward, old-fashioned way, stripped of all dramatic frills and furbelows.

scene in "Brewster's Millions," and doer of several other things of a si lar character, something novel in

# IN "IF I WERE KING"

of the audience is held as effectually as if there were a tragic battle of personalities. The first scene has a climax only by comparison with the second. In this opening scene Polly, who has been injured by a fall from her horse, is brought into the minister's home where it is announced that she must remain until the ligaments in her foot heal. The denouement is self-evident from the beginning. The minister falls in love with Polly, who returns to the circus because she is afraid that she will cause him to lose his place as pastor of his ficek. The minister seeks her at the circus, and there is a closing tableau of the caravan wending its way to the next town, while he and she stand arm in arm in the half-light wutching the fast disappearing train of lumbering show wagons and animal cages.

It is all very childlike and simple. There is no striving for effect, no dramatic tension, no emotional pyrotechnics. The nearest approach to dynamic force is found in the scene in which Polly leaves the home of the minister. Here the frail little figure of the girl laughing hysterically, while her heart is breaking, furnishes an opportunity for some genulnely effective acting, and Miss Mabel Tallaferro handles the scene with ingenuous pathos and great discretion.

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# Gas Prices Elsewhere

City. Price-cents.	Amount	C	Pop.
City. Price-cents.	1,950,000,009	Capitalization	Supplied. 200,000
Pasadena, Cal	191,600 000	\$6,379,000 500,000	22,000
Oakland, Cal 90	703,164,(00	6974,000	- 150,009
Bridgeport, Conn 90	263,369,000	2,300,900	87,000
Hartford, Conn. (12)	395,500,000	1,350,000	20,600
New Haven, Conn. (13) 95	- 750,000,000	2,000,000	130,000
Chicago, Ill. (56)	1,000,000,000	11,000,000	WW 500
Evansville, Ill. (57)	170,000,900	1,771,000	70,000
Vincennes Ind (46)	740,000,000 28,000,000	6,250,000	225,000 17,500
Vincennes, Ind. (46)	525,000,000	3,600,000	320,600
Dayton, Ky. (44)	19,300,900	9,700,000	13,000
Bowling Green Ky 95	13,000,000	95,000	13,000
Covington, Ky. (40) 75	120,000,900	3,000,000	99,000
Paducah, Ky. (41)	26,000,000		15,000
Boston, Mass. (3)	2,590,000,000	20,500,000	525,900
		15,124,600	504,002
Cambridge, Mass. (2)	180,000,000	1,000,000	• 97.434 60,000
Dedham, Mass. (5)	32,400,900	140,000	22,000
Lowell, Mass. (1)	512,053 000	1,000,000	98,000
New Bedford, Mass. (10) 90		845,960	74,362
North Adams, Mass. (6) (5)	advantage (CO)	100,000	22,150
Springfield Mass. (8)95	230,000,300	700,000	85,000
Worcester, Mass. (7)	440,000,000	860,000	130,000
Fall River, Mass. (11)	349,000,000	635,000	105,762
Adrian Mich (30) 60	35,000,000	805.000 75,000	96,000
Adrian, Mich. (30)	42,000,000	150,000	12,000 25,000
Detroit (29) 80	2,000,000,000	11,499,600	325,000
Escanaba (50)	2,000,000	48,000-	13,000
Grand Rapids (48) 90	668,229,300	2,225,000	102,000
Port Huron (28) 80	84,000,000	300,000	22,000
Duluth (52) 70	112,000,000	466,820	35,000
St Louis Mo. (58) 60 and 6)	7,000,000		S,000
Atlantic City N I (17) 90	4,000,000,000	25,000,000	700,000
Duluth (82) 70 Columbia, Mo. (59)	240,000,000	\$30,660	40,000
Batavia, N. Y. (20) 95	7,000,000	80,000	9,500
Kingston, N. Y. (14) 75	54,000,000	1,399,500	25,600
West Point, N. Y. (15) 75	23,312,000		2,200
	150,000,000	800,000	60,000
Bellefontaine, Ohio (33)M. O. 75	45,000,000	17,000	9,000
Cincinnati, Ohio (39) 50 Cleveland, Ohio (27) 65	2,200,000,000	31,000,000	400,000
Dayton, Ohio	1,500,000,000	5,000,000	400,000
Delnios Chio (32) 99	7,900,000	1,100,000 500,000	95,000 6,000
Delphos, Chio (32)	73,000,000	120,000	25,000
Ironton, Ohio (37) 90	6,500,000	80,009	13,000
Middletown, Ohio 80	25,500,000	120,000	12,000
Steubenville, Ohio (24)	15,000,000	1,790,000	22,000
Toledo, Ohio (31)	250,000,000		100,000
Warren, Ohio (38)	30,900,000	60,000	8,500
Washington, Ohio (36) 95 Erie, Pa. (27) 80	18,500,000 51,365,000	100,000	7,000
McKeesport, Pa. (22)	44,000,000	350,000	55,009
Scranton, Pa. (16)	29,000,000		49,000 115,000
Chattanooga, Tenn. (43)	99,000.000	200,000	45,000
Barre, Vt		100,000	13,060
Wheeling, W. Va. (22)	116,000,000		40,000
Kenosha, Wis. (53) (3)	65,000 000	588,500	16,000
Milwaukee, Wis. (54)	1,950,000,006	7,910,000	335,500
Racine Wis (54) 60 or 4 120	7,000,000 44,000,000	80,000 2,200.000	3,000
Superior, Wis. (51)	135,000,000	1,200,000	21,000
barbarat true (extraction to	200,000,000	4,200,000	34,500

work of the play, and the transition of the lines could not fulfill and added to Francois Villon, a dreamer of dreams, the craftiness and hypocrisy with which a lover of all women, and, above all, went far to make his performance note. a lover of all women, and, above all, went far to make his performance note worthy. Rowland Buckstone is always the empire—for a week—in order to good and did much with the small role the empire—for a week—in order to show what he would do if he were king, was effected slowly, carefully, and so artistically that when in a blaze of power and dignity he stood before the king and the people a conqueror, the realization of the change came to the change came to the realization of the change came to th wear
If I were king.

Let thes: wild dreams and wilder words take

Deep in the woods I hear a shepherd sing
A simple ballad to a sylvan air,
Of love that ever finds your face more fair.
I could not give you any godlier thing
If I were king.

The same of the people a conqueror, the realization of the change came to the audience with its full effect. Mr. Sothern has never finds your face more fair, the splendid portrayal of this poetsoldier. He has never brought out more clearly the smaller attributes of a stage character which has been placed in his tional auddence was tumultuous in its applause. Time and again were the members of the company recalled after appreciation of approval from those who had come to see something, new and found it in an old, old story treated in a delightfully straightforward, old-fashloned way, stripped of all dramatic frills and furbelows.

Thus spoke Francois Villon in "If I Were King" at the Belasco Theater lash light, and as the soft, pleading voice of an an appealable to expression, delicacy and grace of movement, and an appealable transport naturalness and a child-like frances of expression, delicacy and grace of movement, and an appealable transport naturalness and a child-like frances of expression, delicacy and grace of movement, and an appealable transport naturalness and a child-like frances of expression, delicacy and grace of movement, and an appealable transport naturalness and a child-like frances of expression, delicacy and grace of movement, and an appealable transport naturalness and a child-like frances of expression, delicacy and grace of movement, and an appealable transport of the cart of the part and won completely the sympathy of her audience with the first evil court, who heard the huntley McCarthy's play proved a lappy thought. His interpretation of the change came to the almost of the change came to the splendid portrayal of this poetage way, still transport the most artistic and complete the same may be said of J. B. Hollis as Deacon Elverson. Others in the cast, while not marring the picture, were not the most artistic and complete he has never flore and not the least notable rearulation and once may thing better than a simple balled to select thing.

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# M'KEE DIVORCE SUIT SET FOR NEXT WEEK

PARIS. Dec. 11 .- Judge Ditt. of the lane divorce preceedings, set December 18 today as the date for the opening of

### FISH IAR STARTS FIRE.

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 11.-The rays of the sun focused through a glass aquarium containing water, in the show window of George W. Davy's store started a lively fire among some of the